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This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 24, 2003, which asserts that the Amendment filed in the above-referenced application does not comply with the new amendment format that became mandatory on June 30, 2003. Applicants herewith submit a corrected response.

While no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized as necessary to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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SIR:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 24, 2003 in connection with the above-captioned application, Applicants submit herewith a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

It is respectfully submitted that all issues raised in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment have been obviated, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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